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National Preparedness Month
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GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
EAST LANSING



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DIRECTOR

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Dear Emergency Preparedness Stakeholder:

In recognition of the second annual "National Preparedness Month" (September 2005), I invite all of our emergency preparedness stakeholders to join the Michigan State Police in our 2005 campaign.

"National Preparedness Month" is a nationwide initiative designed to encourage all Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools. The official launch of National Preparedness Month, which will include a public-preparedness fair, will take place in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, September 1, 2005, bringing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross together with a coalition of national partners.

Michigan continues to lead the nation in homeland security initiatives and strives to ensure that all citizens have the necessary education and resources to protect their families, homes, businesses and communities. Attached you will find a "Family and Community Emergency Safety" packet with a wealth of information to assist you. I encourage you to visit the Emergency Management Division website at www.michigan.gov/emd for additional information and monthly activities.

I encourage you to work with your local government officials and first responders to help mark this month by holding preparedness-awareness events in your local community.

Sincerely,



DIRECTOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm
hereby proclaim September 2005, as

National Preparedness Month

Whereas, September 2005, has been proclaimed as "National Preparedness Month"; and,


Whereas, The state of Michigan is sponsoring a unique, statewide recognition and awareness program, "Family and Community Emergency Safety," and a number of activities throughout the month; and,

Whereas, "National Preparedness Month" provides a welcome opportunity for the state of Michigan to work cooperatively with local jurisdictions to make citizen preparedness a priority for every person, family, and community in Michigan; and,

Whereas, It is essential that all citizens of the state of Michigan be aware of the importance of emergency preparedness and become more familiar with threats that may impact Michigan communities; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 2005, as Preparedness Month in Michigan.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 22, 2005

**STATE HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS PROMOTE
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

LANSING, Michigan – September 2005 is designated as “National Preparedness Month,” and all Americans are encouraged to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools and communities.

The official launch of National Preparedness Month, which will include a public-preparedness fair, will take place in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, September 1, 2005, bringing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross together with a coalition of national partners. The goal is to provide the people of this nation with an opportunity to learn more about ways they can prepare for an emergency.

To commemorate this event, the Michigan State Police Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division is introducing its 2005 campaign, “Family and Community Emergency Safety” (F.A.C.E.S.) that will include a Family Preparedness Guide and additional valuable information for local communities, families, schools and businesses.

This is an excellent opportunity for families to practice emergency preparedness and our local communities will become stronger by this effort,” stated Captain Kriste Etue, Deputy State Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, “I applaud all our partners at the local level in their participation of this very special event.”

National Preparedness Month will provide the citizens of Michigan a variety of opportunities to learn more about ways they can be prepared in the event of an emergency. Citizens can prepare an emergency supply kit, establish a family communications plan, and become better aware of threats that may impact their communities.

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Local communities are being encouraged to help mark this month by holding preparedness events such as:

- Hosting town hall meetings on preparedness.
- Enacting resolutions and issuing proclamations designating September 2005 as "Preparedness Month" and encouraging citizens to get prepared.
- Hosting first aid or preparedness training classes.
- Discussing preparedness during regularly scheduled local radio and cable television shows.
- Including preparedness information in community newsletters.
- Hosting "kit making" or "communication planning" events.

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Public Service Announcements

State and Local Law Enforcement, Fire Professionals, and County Emergency Managers are encouraged to work with local radio and cable stations to record the following prepared public service announcements for the month of September:

- September has been declared “National Preparedness Month” and every Michigan citizen should be prepared for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools. This is **(state title and name) with the (state or local police agency, fire department, or emergency management program)** asking you to prepare an emergency supply kit – complete with a flashlight, battery-powered radio, extra batteries and a first-aid kit. It is important to establish a family communications plan that explains how to get out of your home in case of a fire or other emergency, and become aware of threats that could impact you, your family, and community. Preparing just makes sense!
- After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, many Americans became involved in homeland security efforts. This September in Michigan, I am asking you to observe “National Preparedness Month.” **This is (state title and name) with the (state or local police agency, fire department, or emergency management program.)** Talk to your neighbors and contribute to homeland security by being the “eyes” and “ears” of law enforcement and report suspicious behavior. Any threat or real risk that puts lives in danger is an emergency and should be reported by calling 9-1-1. With neighbors helping neighbors, we will unite and create a stronger America.
- **This is (state title and name) with the (state or local police agency, fire department, or emergency management program)** I am asking you to recognize September as “National Preparedness Month.” Take simple steps to be alert as you go about your daily business. Get to know your neighbors at home and while traveling. Learn to spot suspicious packages, luggage, or mail abandoned in a crowded place like an office building, an airport, a school, or a shopping center. Being prepared for an emergency involves learning as much as you can. Concerned Michigan citizens like you can make a difference.
- September in Michigan is “National Preparedness Month” and you and your family need to know exactly what to do in an emergency. **This is (state title and name) with the (state or local police agency, fire department, or emergency management program)**. Take the time to organize an emergency preparedness kit. Have batteries, a three-to-five day supply of water (or one gallon per person per day), food that will not spoil and requires no cooking, a first-aid kit and needed medicines. Develop a home evacuation plan and practice it with your family. You should know what to do if you are instructed to evacuate your home or community. The **(name of state or local police agency, fire department, or emergency management program)** thanks you for taking these critical steps to be prepared.



Fact Sheet

CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive)

- C** A chemical attack is the deliberate release of a toxic gas, liquid or solid that can poison people and the environment.
- B** A biological attack is the deliberate release of germs or other biological substances that can make you sick. Unlike an explosion, a biological attack may or may not be immediately obvious.
- R** A radiation threat or “Dirty Bomb” is the use of common explosives to spread radioactive materials over a targeted area. It is not a nuclear blast. The force of the explosion and radioactive contamination will be more localized.
- N** A nuclear blast is an explosion with intense light and heat, a damaging pressure wave and widespread radioactive material that can contaminate the air, water and ground surfaces for miles around.
- E** An explosive is a substance, or prepared chemical that explodes or causes an explosion. Approximately 70% of all terrorist attacks worldwide involve explosives.

Terrorists are working to obtain biological, chemical, nuclear and radiological weapons and the threat of attack are very real.

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Cyber Security is the protection of sensitive information in electronic form and the associated information technology resources. With the increase in cyber crime, hacker attacks, identity theft, and threats from terrorists there is a need to secure mission critical data and sensitive information.

Websites of Interest

Michigan State Police – www.michigan.gov/msp

MSP EMD – www.michigan.gov/emd

FEMA – www.fema.gov

FEMA Are You Ready? – www.fema.gov/areyouready/

FEMA for Kids Guide to National Security Emergencies – www.fema.gov/kids/nse/

American Red Cross – www.redcross.org

U.S. Department of Homeland Security – www.dhs.gov/dhspublic

DHS – Preparing Makes Sense – www.ready.gov

IT Security from Department of Information Technology - www.michigan.gov/cybersecurity